MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): In what ways?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): On the basis of the books they maintain.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): In the case of municipal markets, are the contractors bound to keep accounts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) I have already said that they are not bound to keep accounts.

PRESIDENT: The question was whether there was any agreement by which they are to keep accounts.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

Gowd Saraswat Brahmins in the Secretariat.

12 *MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of clerks and typists in the Secretariat belonging to the Gowd Saraswat Brahmin community;

(*b*) the number of applications received from candidates belonging to the community from 1108 to 1110;

(*c*) whether any candidate belonging to that community has been appointed during the period mentioned above; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, how many have been appointed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) None excepting an acting clerk.

(*b*) 13.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this question does not arise.

MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), may I ask who was the person appointed as an acting clerk?

RAO SAHIB DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): N. Nagendra Bhattar B. A.

MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*): May I know how long it is since he was appointed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know from the member how many applications were received from candidates others than Gowd Saraswat Brahmins for posts in the Secretariat?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Appointment of a separate Financial Secretary.

13 *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the present Ag. Account Officer has submitted a report or scheme to Government regarding the appointment of a separate Financial Secretary in the Huzur Office;

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(*b*) the reasons for submitting such a report or scheme at present;

(*c*) whether they would place on the table a copy of the report or scheme; and

(*d*) whether they would give an opportunity to this House for discussion of the report or scheme?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMY AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), the questions do not arise.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Government have consulted the Acting Account Officer with regard to this question?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAY AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether he has submitted his opinions to Government in the matter?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMY AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T. P VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from Government why he has not submitted his opinion even in spite of the request made by the Government?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMY AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): I do not follow the question.

PRESIDENT: Let us not labour that point any more. You can hear more about it later.

Loans for the purchase of Motor Cars.

14. ✱ **MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether interest is charged for the loans given to officers for the purchase of motor cars and other vehicles;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the rate of interest charged; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons, if any, for not recovering interest on such loans?

MR C. S. KRISHNASWAMY AIYAR (*Ag Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 6 per cent.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), the question does not arise

MR S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know whether Government could advance loans to officers to purchase other vehicles than motor cars?

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